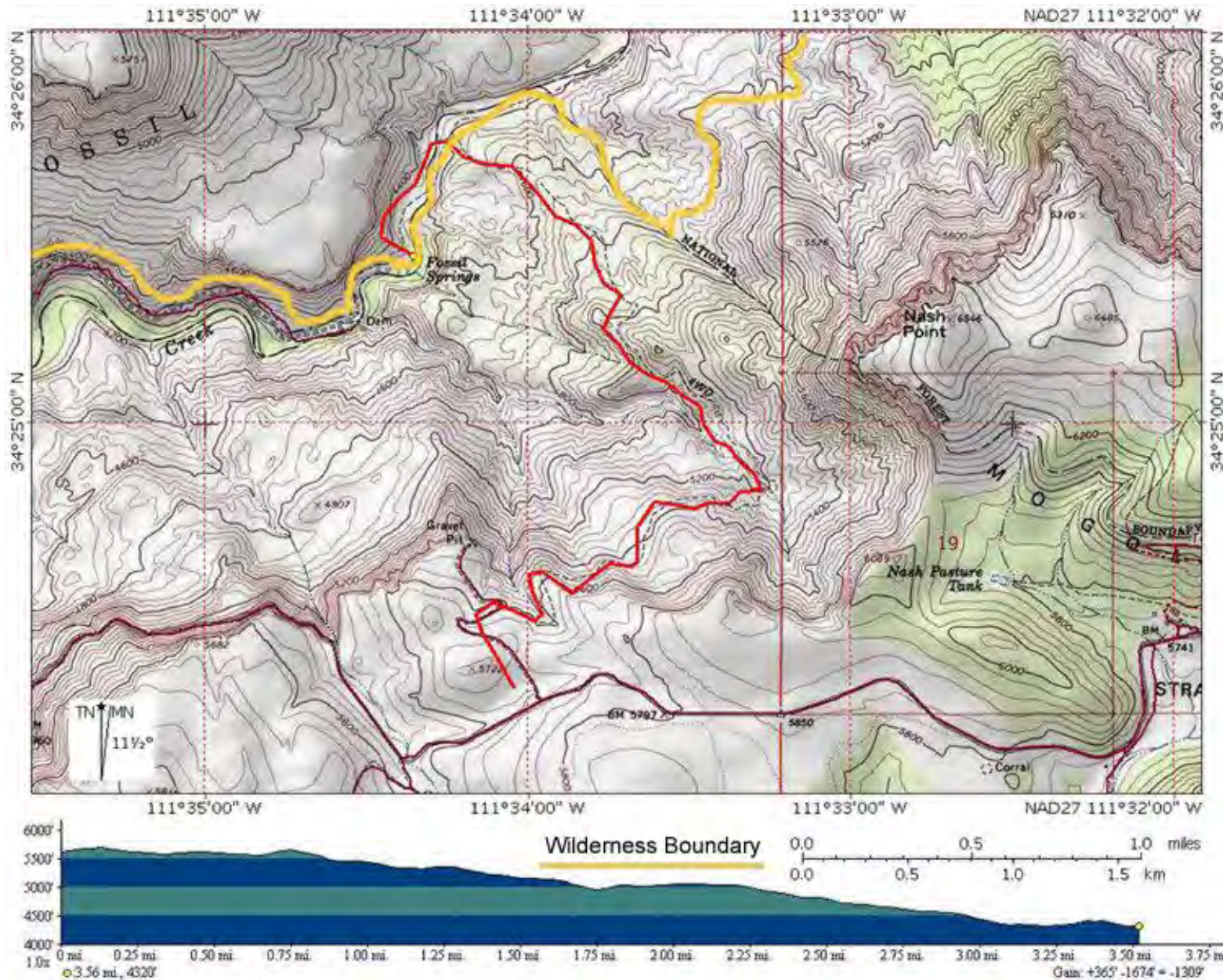


## Fossil Springs Trail #18



**Length:** 3.1 miles

**Rating:** Strenuous

**Use:** Heavy

**Season:** Spring through fall

**Hiking time:** 6-7 hours (round trip)

**Cumulative Elevation:** 1755 ft.

**USGS Maps:** Strawberry

**Location:** Between Camp Verde  
Strawberry, AZ

**Notes:** No mechanized vehicles in  
Wilderness. Respect private  
property boundaries.

**For more information contact:**  
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Fossil Springs is a riparian  
Wilderness Area with plenty of  
shade and deserves the protection  
and respect of those who visit it.  
Please observe all Wilderness  
regulations as the springs lie within  
the Fossil Springs Wilderness Area.  
The Fossil Springs Trail was once a  
rough wagon road that served as a  
mail route from Camp Verde to  
Pine/Payson communities from  
1884 to 1911. It is now a steep trail  
and has little shade. Caution should  
be taken when using this trail in the  
summer heat. Carry an adequate  
supply of drinking water, one

gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods. Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams. Nearly one million gallons of 72 degree water per hour flow from the springs at the headwaters of Fossil Creek. Overnight camping is permitted. **PLEASE - If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!** and please consider picking up trash left behind by the uncaring. This is a protected area. Contact Ranger Districts for restrictions.

**Access:** From Exit 287 on I-17, drive 34.1 miles east on SR 260 to SR 87, turn right and drive 7.2 miles to Strawberry. Turn right on Fossil Creek Road and drive 4.75 miles to the Trail Head.